## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI OXFORD DIVISION

KAREN HUGHEY, Conservator for JAMES ALLEN HUGHEY

**PLAINTIFF** 

v. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:18-CV-00004-GHD-RP

TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TOMMY MASON, In his Individual Capacity; and "X" BONDING COMPANY

**DEFENDANTS** 

# TIPPAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI'S MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS

**NOW COMES**, Defendant Tippah County, Mississippi ("Tippah County" hereinafter), by and through counsel, and respectfully files its Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings:

#### I. PREMISE

Plaintiff Karen Hughey's First Amended Complaint against Tippah County fails. First, Hughey's complaint is barred by *Heck* as it does not align with the *Alford* pleas taken by James Hughey in the state criminal case involving the same set of facts. Second, even if not barred, she has completely failed to state a claim against the County under *Monell*. Her Amended Complaint should be dismissed *in toto*.

#### II. ATTACHMENTS

In support of this Motion, Defendant attaches the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A – Transcript of James Hughey Plea Hearing Held September 26, 2023

#### III. BRIEFING

As required by our local rules, an appropriate Memorandum of Supporting Authorities is being filed herewith.

**NOW THEREFORE,** Defendant Tippah County, Mississippi prays that it be dismissed with prejudice from this action.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the 17th day of September, 2024.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Arnold U. Luciano, attorney of record for Defendant, Tippah County, Mississippi, hereby certify that I have this day caused a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Tippah County, Mississippi's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings* to be delivered by the ECF Filing System to the following Counsel of Record:

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